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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/075,690	<b>Applicant(s)</b> WATANABE, NAOYA	
	<b>Examiner</b> Houshang Safaipoor	<b>Art Unit</b> 2625	

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#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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#### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7-11 and 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6 and 12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 February 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**JEROME GRANT**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

1. Claims 1-5, 7-11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Otsuka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,879,411).

Regarding claims 1, 7 and 13 Otsuka et al. discloses a facsimile apparatus having a facsimile function and an E-mail function, comprising:

registration means (28c) capable of registering multiple items of account information (col. 4, lines 27-34);

deciding means (CPU 30) for deciding whether the multiple items of account information have been registered in said registration means when the use of the E-mail function is directed by a user (col. 7, lines 59 to col. 8 line 4);

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selection means (CPU 30) for selecting one item of account information of the plurality thereof if said deciding means decides that the multiple items of account information have been registered in said registration means (col. 7, lines 59 to col. 8 line 4);

setting means (fig. 9A, block 136) for setting up an account based upon one item of account information if only one item of account information has been registered in said registration means, and based upon an item of account information selected by said selection means if multiple items of account information have been registered in said registration means; and processing means for executing processing related to E-mail using the account set up by said setting means (col. 7, lines 59 to col. 8 line 4).

Regarding claim 2 Otsuka et al. discloses the apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said registration means registers a name in association with each item of account information (col. 4, lines 31-33); and

said selection (CPU 30) means selects a desired item of account information in response to designation of a name (col. 5, lines 35-59).

Regarding claims 3 and 9 Otsuka et al. discloses the apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said selection means displays a list of names that have been registered in said registration means (col. 4, lines 59-63).

Regarding claims 4 and 10 Otsuka et al. discloses the apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said registration means (28c) registers authentication information, which is for setting up an account by said setting means, in association with each item of account information; and said setting means performs authentication based upon the authentication information when an

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account is set up based upon account information that has been selected by said selection means (col. 6, lines 19-38).

Regarding claims 5 and 11 Otsuka et al. discloses the apparatus according to claim 4, wherein authentication information possessed by account information is exploited as said authentication information (col. 6, lines 19-38).

**2. *Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 6 and 12 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prior art does not teach or suggest "...if only one item of account information has been registered in said registration means, said setting means omits authentication based upon said account information and sets up an account based upon this account information".

**3. *Contact Information***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Houshang Safaipoor whose telephone number is (571)272-7412. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. from 6:00am to 2:30pm.

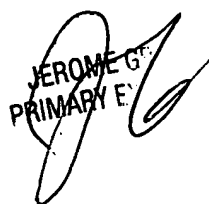
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Moore can be reached on (571)272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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